

# **Major David Rozelle, U.S. Army**

## **Administrator, Amputee Care Center, Walter Reed Army Medical Center Team Captain, “Missing Parts in Action”**

Major David M. Rozelle, a native Texan, enlisted in August 1992 in the North Carolina National Guard and served with the 1/113th Field Artillery as a forward observer. In May 1995, Major Rozelle was commissioned from Davidson College ROTC, Davidson College, NC, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts.

Assigned to 3/66 Armor 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX, Rozelle served as a tank platoon leader, mortar platoon leader and executive officer as part of the Army Advanced Warfighter Experiment. As a new Captain, Rozelle then deployed to Kuwait in 1999 as part of Operation Desert Spring as the assistant logistical staff officer with 1st Battalion, 10 Cavalry Regiment, and was then assigned for a year to 1st Brigade, 2d Infantry Division (“Second to None”), Camp Casey, Korea.

Returning to the U.S. in 2001, Rozelle was assigned to the 3d Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, and served for nine months as the squadron maintenance officer before taking command of K (“Killer”) Troop in May 2002. He deployed to Iraq with the Regiment as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in April 2003.

Major Rozelle was leading a convoy in Hit, Iraq, west of Baghdad on 21 June 2003, when his vehicle struck a landmine, which resulted in the loss of his right foot. He spent eight months recovering at Fort Carson, Colorado.

On 17 June 2004, Rozelle again was chosen to command a cavalry troop in Iraq, assigned command of the Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (“Remington”) of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. The Regiment of Mounted Riflemen deployed again to Iraq where Rozelle served as a Troop Commander conducting operations in Baghdad and Tal Afar.

Rozelle was the first troop commander to redeploy to the same battlefield as an amputee in recent military history.

Major Rozelle is currently assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

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